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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Junichi HARA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, PROGRAM, AND STORING MEDIUM

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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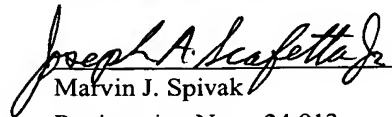
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2001-197500) on Form PTO 1449:

This reference discloses an image encoding/decoding device in which an image is encoded by the tile so that when a user desires to decode a part of an image by encoding, without decoding an entire region of the image, it is sufficient to decode only a tile including a region that is desired to be decoded. This is discussed in the introductory portion of the specification of the present invention.

Reference AP (JP 8-70455) on Form PTO 1449:

This reference discloses an image encoding/decoding device in which an image is divided into plural overlapping searching blocks, and the image is reduced so that the reduced image is stored in a buffer. In the searching block, an approximating area for the searching block is searched. The approximate area position information and the conversion parameter are searched by the overall search to output an IFS code.

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	AO	2001-197500	07/19/2001	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AP	8-70455	03/12/1996	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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